GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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WORKERS COVERED UNDER ESI SCHEME
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial workers covered under Employees` State Insurance Scheme in Maharashtra and other States and the percentage of increase in coverage taking place during the last three years;

(b) the number of ESI hospitalsand dispensaries in Maharashtra, district-wise, as on date and those proposed to be set up during 2000-2001;

(c) whether the Government propose to upgrade or modernise some of the hospitals/dispensaries in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): The employees drawing wages beyond Rs.6,500/- per month are not covered under the ESI Scheme.Due to general increase in wages many employees gradually went out of the purview of the ESI Scheme and consequently the number of employees covered under the E S I Scheme in Maharashtra came down from 15.30 Lakh in March 1998 to 12.90 lakh in March, 2000 registering a decrease of 15.68% during the last three years. The total coverage of the ESI Scheme also declined from 83.61 Lakh in March` 98 to 78.62 Lakh in March, 2000 registering a decrease of 5.97%.

(b): A Statement showing number of ESI hospitals and dispensariesin Maharashtra, district-wise, is annexed. The E S I Corporation has sanctioned opening of two new dispensaries in Maharashtra during 2000-2001. The construction work of one hospital each at Kolhapur, Chinchwad and Bibewadi in Maharashtra has also been completed.

(c) to (e): The ESI Corporation has formulatedan action plan to improve medical care facilities in the ESI hospitals by providing them modern equipments of Ultrasonography, Pulse Oxymeter, auto analyzer, semi-auto analyzer, cardiac monitor, dental unit etc. The Corporation has also planned establishment of trauma centres, super-speciality centres, blood banks, Cancer treatment Centres etc. in the ESI hospitals.Necessary basic equipments are also sanctioned for all the ESI dispensariesa s per demand of the State Government. The ESIC has already sanctionedan amount of Rs. 659.15 lakh for upgradation/ modernization of medical services in 11 ESI hospitals in Maharashtra.